
Introduced by Senator MurrayFebruary 12, 2004

An act to amend Section 163 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

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SB 1236, as introduced, Murray. Transportation funds.

Existing law states the Legislature's intent to establish a policy for the use of all transportation funds that are available to the state, and requires the Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission to prepare fund estimates for annual expenditures for specified transportation purposes.

This bill would also state the Legislature's intent to establish priorities for the use of transportation funds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 163 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:
3 163. The Legislature, through the enactment of this section,
4 intends to establish a policy *and priorities* for the use of all
5 transportation funds that are available to the state, including the
6 State Highway Account, the Public Transportation Account, and
7 federal funds. For the purposes of this section, "federal funds"
8 means any obligational authority to be provided under annual
9 federal transportation appropriations acts. The department and the



1 commission shall prepare fund estimates pursuant to Sections
2 14524 and 14525 of the Government Code based on the following:

3 (a) Annual expenditures for the administration of the
4 department shall be the same as the most recent Budget Act,
5 adjusted for inflation.

6 (b) Annual expenditures for the maintenance and operation of
7 the state highway system shall be the same as the most recent
8 Budget Act, adjusted for inflation and inventory.

9 (c) Annual expenditure for the rehabilitation of the state
10 highway system shall be the same as the most recent Budget Act,
11 or, if a long-range rehabilitation plan has been enacted pursuant to
12 Section 164.6, it shall be based on planned expenditures in a
13 long-range rehabilitation plan prepared by the department
14 pursuant to Section 164.6.

15 (d) Annual expenditures for local assistance shall be the
16 amount required to fund local assistance programs required by
17 state or federal law or regulations, including, but not limited to,
18 railroad grade crossing maintenance, bicycle transportation
19 account, congestion mitigation and air quality, regional surface
20 transportation programs, local highway bridge replacement and
21 rehabilitation, local seismic retrofit, local hazard elimination and
22 safety, and local emergency relief.

23 (e) After deducting expenditures for administration, operation,
24 maintenance, local assistance, safety, and rehabilitation pursuant
25 to subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d), and for expenditures pursuant
26 to Section 164.56, the remaining funds shall be available for
27 capital improvement projects to be programmed in the state
28 transportation improvement program.

